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SUMMARY. REPRESENTATIVES OF NPG COUNTRIES MET JANUARY 20 AT NATO HEADQUARTERS TO REVIEW THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE PHASE II STUDY OF FOLLOW-ON TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (REF). NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED GENERAL PRAISE OF THE PRELIMINARY REPORT, ITS SYNTHESIS OF PHASE I STUDIES, AND ITS ANALYSIS OF  
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PROBLEMS ACCOMPANYING FOLLOW-ON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSION WAS ACTIVE AS THE FULL STUDY SESSION QUESTIONED THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM (US, UK, FRG) ON POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, INCLUDING:

A. THE VIEW THAT DETERRENCE IS WEAKENED BY THE REPORT'S IMPLICATION THAT NATO CANNOT BENEFIT BY USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IF THE WARSAW PACT RESPONDS IN KIND. PHASE II TEAM REPS RESPONDED THAT THEY BELIEVED A THOROUGH READING OF THE REPORT AS A WHOLE WOULD NOT SUPPORT THIS VIEW. THEY NOTED THAT KEY PHASE I ASSUMPTIONS (CONVENTIONAL BALANCE FAVORING PACT, PACT ABILITY TO REINFORCE, ETC) TENDED TO FORCE PESSIMISTIC CONCLUSIONS. DUTCH REP STATED THAT PESSIMISTIC PHASE II JUDGMENT MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ELICIT HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS. GROUP AGREED THAT ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS IN STUDY SHOULD BE MADE MORE EXPLICIT SO THAT CONCLUSIONS COULD BE PROPERLY CAVETED.

B. IMPRESSION THAT THE PHASE II PRELIMINARY REPORT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS WITH WHICH IT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY TASKED, E.G., HOW TO ENSURE POLITICAL CONTROL WHILE ALSO ENSURING MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS. THE PHASE II TEAM RESPONDED THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT THEY HAD FULFILLED THE BULK OF THE REQUIREMENTS, LEAVING UNADDRESSED ONLY THOSE WHICH WOULD HAVE EXCESSIVELY EXTENDED THE COMPLETION OF THE REPORT OR MIGHT HAVE PRE-EMPTED THE MANDATE OF ANY PROSPECTIVE PHASE III EFFORT.

2. THE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING AGREED THAT THE PHASE II STUDY EFFORT REPRESENTED A SOUND BASIS FOR A PROSPECTIVE PHASE III EFFORT (I.E., PREPARATION OF FOLLOW-ON USE GUIDELINES). THEY ALSO AGREED THAT OTHER NPGWORK RECENTLY COMPLETED OR IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS THE NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY AND THE WORK RELATED TO NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT, WOULD BE RELEVANT.

3. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FORMAL COMMENTS FROM CAPITALS WHICH ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 7, THE PHASE II TEAM PROPOSES TO PRESENT  
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THE PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE NPG PERM REPS ON FEBRUARY 20. THE PHASE II TEAM WILL INCORPORATE NATIONAL COMMENTS AND THE VIEWS OF PERM REPS INTO A FINAL REPORT WHICH THEY WILL SUBMIT BY MARCH 21 FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW BY MINISTERS AT THE SPRING 1975 NPG MEETING.  
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